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SUBJECT: PAPUA SEPARATIST ACTIVITY

1. PAPUAN SEPARATIST, LED BY JOSEPHINE ABAIJAH, ISSUED A UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE SHORTLY AFTER SUNRISE MARCH 16 IN SEVEN VILLAGES IN OR NEAR PORT MORESBY, ACCORDING TO PRESS AND RADIO. AT 3 O'CLOCK THAT AFTERNOON A MAIN RALLY WAS HELD IN PORT MORESBY BY A CROWD VARIOUSLY ESTIMATED AT 3,000 OR 6,000.

2. THERE WAS REPORTEDLY NO SEPARATIST ACTIVITY EXCEPT IN PORT MORESBY AND NEARBY AREAS.

3. RADIO QUOTED ABAIJAH AS TELLING PEOPLE AT THE SUNRISE SESSIONS THAT THEY NO LONGER HAD TO OBEY AUSTRALIAN OR NEW GUINEAN LAWS AND REGULATIONS. AT AFTERNOON SESSION SHE STATED, ACCORDING TO RADIO, THAT SHE WAS NOT SETTING UP A RIVAL GOVERNMENT.

4. ALTHO ABAIJAH CLAIMED HER LIFE HAD BEEN THREATENED, ACCORDING TO PRESS AND RADIO AND TO OUR OWN OBSERVATION, THERE WERE NO DISTURBANCES OR INCIDENCES. PORT MORESBY SEEMED TO BE ITS USUAL SLEEPY SELF ON A WARM SUNDAY.

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